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Gerry Smith came to see me this morning, to go over matters connected with his presentation to NATO countries on nuclear armament subjects.

I took Alistair Cooke to lunch at Bucks. He is a brilliant fellow.

Jane Ickes, Harold Ickes' widow, came to see me this afternoon in quite a state of fluster. She [redacted] arrived today from New York on her way to Dar-es-salaam. In confirming her forward reservations at the Airport, she [redacted] lost her baggage, in which some of her travellers' checks were located. We finally had the missing luggage traced down to a railroad station, where it had been mistakenly taken by another passenger.

Stephen Shulman, Executive Assistant to Arthur Goldberg at the Department of Labor, came to see me with John Correll. I had a talk with him, illuminating to me, on labor problems at home, especially as they affect the railroads. He has a great admiration for Arthur, and now that the latter ~~has left the Department, is thinking~~ of quitting it himself.

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I went down to the cafeteria tonight, to meet Robert Fitzgerald, the poet, who has lately translated the Odyssey. He is delivering a lecture in our theater this evening. As we milled around the sherry tables, I had an opportunity to meet many British professors and academicians.

Tonight, I dined at the Junior Carlton Club, as the guest of the Wine Committee. We were 16, seated at a round table which once belonged to Benjamin Disraeli, the tutelary genius of the club. This was the last meeting presided over by my host, the Chairman, John A. H. Hortin. The show of wines was [redacted] impressive. We started off in another room, drinking sherry. During the dinner, commencing with turtle soup, the main course being delicious partridge, we absorbed quantities of

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experience and sponsor. Never before have so many individuals been so favoured as regards their material welfare.

The Western goal is to share the benefits of its achievements with all men. If its purposes are pursued with conviction, peace will prevail, and the counsels of evil men will be condemned. But to accomplish this, we must rely, as we have in the past, not merely on the belief that good will triumph over evil, but on our own determination to subordinate transitory comfort to the eventual triumph of decency.

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